

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams

Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group
Lou Wilson, Lennox Surf Life Saving Club
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Jim Gilchrist, Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Debbie Smith, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Jason Dwyer, Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

Observers

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Simon Scott, Acting Strategic Planning Manager

Apologies

Cr Jeff Johnson

The apologies were accepted.

2. Welcome to New Member

The Committee welcomed the Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association as a new member organisation of the B Ward Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 20 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed. (Ms Wilcox/Mr Wilson)

5. **Deputations**

Nil

6. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Lyn Walker – Stormwater and drainage matters**

The Committee noted the response provided by Staff. Further information to be provided on notice.

(b) **Lorraine Leuckel – Signage adjacent to the new Ballina Marine Rescue Facility**

The Committee noted the response provided by staff.

(c) **Fran Byrne – Vegetation management, Coastal Recreational Pathway**

Fran Byrne noted the staff response provided in relation to concerns raised regarding vegetation removal but noted that the staff response did not respond to questions regarding damage to certain Pandanus trees. John Truman advised that his enquires indicate that Council was not responsible for the damage to the Pandanus and that it would appear to be an act of vandalism.

7. **Business with Notice from Members**

(a) **Ballina Heights Residences Action Group (BHRAG)**

The Committee noted the response provided by staff.

8. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for community feedback was noted.

In relation to the Ballina Marina Master Plan, Ms Leuckel advised that Marine Rescue Ballina support the proposal and foreshadowed that a written submission would be presented to Council in due course.

9. Business Without Notice

a) Lou Wilson – Marina Master Plan/Dredging of the Ballina Bar

In relation to the Marina Master Plan Mr Wilson expressed concern with lack of action on the dredging of the Ballina Bar and the need for this to be addressed to make a marina successful. This comment was reinforced by Lorraine Leuckel and Alan Veacock.

b) Bush Regeneration

Raised concerns with weed growth on the verge of the Coast Road south of Shelly Beach Road in the vicinity of the Allowah Bushland and the return of Prickly Pear and Bitou Bush at Shelly Beach.

Council to provide a response.

c) Fran Byrne – Coastal Recreational Path/Bush Regeneration

Ms Byrne advised that Coast Care has received correspondence from the NSW Environmental Trust seeking information regarding the extent of funded bush regeneration that has been impacted by the Coastal Recreational Pathway. John Truman recommended that Coast Care forward a full copy of the correspondence from the Environmental Trust to Council for a formal response.

d) Lyn Walker – Lake Ainsworth Water Quality

Dr Walker congratulated Council regarding the Lake Ainsworth Water Quality Snapshot Report. Dr Walker noted the finding of the report regarding the doubling of Phosphorus in the lake over the last 20 years and supported ongoing monitoring.

e) Lyn Walker – Proposed Olympic Training Facility

Dr Walker sought advice regarding the anticipated decision date for the determination of the Ski Jump development application. John Truman advised that the application has only just been received and further information on submission periods and meeting dates will be made available once a preliminary assessment of the application has been undertaken by staff. Cr Cadwallader tabled the advice from Rod Willis distributed to Councillors regarding the status of the development application, noting that the matter will be determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). John Truman noted that given the level of community interest in the matter it is likely that the elected Council would make a submission to the JRPP.

f) Lyn Walker – Sand Quarry – Newrybar Swamp Road

Dr Walker queried the rate and extent of sand removal at the sand quarry on Newrybar Swamp Road. Cr Wright advised that Rod Willis has advised that Council has investigated the matter and determined that the current rate of extraction is within the relevant development consents. John Truman also noted that a review was undertaken several years ago in relation to the auditing of this information to verify the accuracy of the extraction rates data. John Truman will enquire as to whether the information provided to Councillors in relation to these investigations can be distributed to the Committee. Mr Truman also noted that any future development applications for expansion of the quarry would be required to undertake further traffic impact assessments to determine potential impacts.

Cr Williams enquired regarding the details of the most recent traffic counts along Newrybar Swamp Road/Ross Lane. John Truman will investigate and advise.

g) Shaun Eastment – Lake Ainsworth Water Quality

Supported Dr Walker's comments regarding the Lake Ainsworth Water Quality Snapshot Report. Cr Williams noted the Council's support for the expansion of the Coastal Zone Management Plan to include Lake Ainsworth.

h) Debbie Smith – Shark Mitigation

Ms Smith noted her attendance at the recent Department of Primary Industries (DPI) stakeholder meeting held in relation to the shark mitigation strategy. She advised that the Department will be undertaking further community engagement to solicit community responses following the completion of the shark mitigation trial. Ms Smith also noted the benefits of the scientific studies that have been undertaken in relation to the trials. John Truman noted that the DPI trial report will be reported to the elected Council in due course, for their further consideration and formal response to the DPI.

i) Debbie Smith – Love Lennox Festival

Ms Smith noted the upcoming Love Lennox Festival, advising that the Chamber continues to encourage more groups to get involved.

j) Darel Vidler – Williams Reserve Lighting

Mr Vidler thanked Council for the prompt response of staff regarding recent concerns with the failure of lighting within Williams Reserve. He noted, however, that areas of darkness remain which need additional lighting installed (in the area around the cricket nets). John Truman advised that Council has an oval lighting strategy which has recurrent funding sourced from a previous rate rise. John Truman will investigate whether additional works at Williams Reserve can be added to the works program.

k) Darel Vidler – Megan Crescent Reserve

Mr Vidler advised that the group were inviting community support for the planting of additional shade trees at Megan Crescent Reserve. John Truman advised that Council could provide additional trees should the community wish to plant additional shade trees within the reserve.

l) Darel Vidler – Bora Ring – Gibbon Street Lennox Head

Mr Vidler enquired regarding vegetation removal and works being undertaken in the proximity of the Bora Ring on Gibbon Street and lack of written response from owners of the land or the Office of Environment and Heritage who have been approached regarding works. John Truman offered to facilitate a response from agencies and/or the owners if a response is not forthcoming in the next few weeks.

m) Jim Gilchrist - Proposed Olympic Training Facility

Mr Gilchrist advised that the group is looking forward to the release of further information regarding the Ski Jump development application.

n) Lorraine Leuckel - Marine Rescue Tower Opening

Ms Leuckel noted the recent opening of the new Marine Rescue Tower and thanked Council for organising the event.

o) Lorraine Leuckel – North Angels Beach Estate Park - Softfall

Ms Leuckel enquired regarding the black soft-fall park at North Angels Beach Estate and noted residents' concerns that children are walking the deteriorating soft fall into the houses. John Truman advised that this may be due to the deterioration of the surface, which was delivered by the developers. John Truman advised that staff will inspect the condition of the park and advise.

p) Lorraine Leuckel – Shelly Beach Café

Ms Leuckel enquired as to whether the Shelly Beach Café has recently been sold. Cr Wright advised that Council has not been notified if this is the case, as would be required as a condition of the lease.

q) Monica Wilcox – Lennox Head Rural Fire Shed

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding the temporary fire shed's apparent state of disrepair. John Truman advised that this query has been received by Council and staff are investigating.

r) Monica Wilcox – Megan Crescent Park

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding when improvements to Megan Crescent Park are scheduled in the works program. John Truman indicated that he will look into the matter and advise.

s) Monica Wilcox – Youth Behaviour

Ms Wilcox noted concerns with the behaviour of youth during recent Australia Day celebrations at Lake Ainsworth, including under-age drinking. Enquired regarding the potential for Council to hold a toned-down schoolies event to encourage more responsible youth behaviour. The Committee discussed the issue, noting that such an event may need to be a community organization run event possibly as a joint Lennox Head community organization proposal.

t) Monica Wilcox - Proposed Olympic Training Facility

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding when submissions to the ski jump development application will close, noting the inconsistent advice on the Department's website. Enquired regarding whether Deloitte report into the community benefits of the proposal would be made publicly available. Jason Dwyer advised that the Department has advised that the report is commercially in confidence was not publicly available. Additional aspects of the proposal were discussed including height marking of the proposal and accuracy of concept photos presented at the initial community information session.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday 17 July 2017 at 4.30 pm.

11. Meeting closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:06pm.